

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A television receiver comprising:
a connection interface for connection to an external mail server;
electronic mail means having an electronic mail function of exchanging
electronic mails via said connection interface;
display means for displaying a television picture;
summary extraction means for extracting the summary of an electronic mail
received by said electronic mail means;
superimposing means for superimposing the summary of the electronic mail
received by said electronic mail means on a television picture for displaying the
electronic mail summary on said display means along with the television picture; and
control means for controlling the operation of at least said electronic mail
means and said superimposing means.
2. The television receiver according to claim 1
wherein
said control means performs control of accepting an electronic mail check
command to receive the electronic mail by said electronic mail means to display the
summary along with the television picture on said display means.

3. The television receiver according to claim 1
wherein
said control means causes said electronic mail means to receive a new

electronic mail by said electronic mail means automatically to display the summary thereof along with the television picture on said display means.

4. The television receiver according to claim 1

wherein

said control means controls the operation of said superimposing means so that the summary of an electronic mail extracted by said summary extraction means will be scroll-displayed on said display means.

5. The television receiver according to claim 1

wherein

said control means accepts a command for displaying the electronic mail on an entire screen of said display means to control the operation of said superimposing means so that the electronic mail received by said electronic mail means will be displayed on the entire screen of said display means.